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"Greg Reis"

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gregorreis

To: <yose_planning@nps.gov>

cc:

Subject: Comments on the Tuolumne River Plan and Yosemite Meadows

Thank you for holding a public meeting in Lee Vining. I attended the meeting and enjoyed talking to the park representatives. It was very informative and appreciated I have several comments on the plans.

1. The Dana Fork is shown incorrectly starting at Tioga Pass instead of between Mt Dana and Mt. Gibbs. My conversation at the meeting with park representatives revealed that the legislation intended the designated segment to be the Dana Fork, however it also referred to maps which incorrectly showed the Tioga Pass fork. I think the best solution to this problem is to designate both forks as Wild and Scenic. The Dana Fork would be wild, is in the wilderness, and is little-affected by the designation. The Tioga Pass fork would be scenic, is along the road, and would benefit by the designation

2. Recreational values of navigating the river should be protected I have kayaked the Dana Fork, which offers unique high-country kayaking opportunities during spring runoff. Due to the proximity to Tioga Road, portages are short and the recreational value is high. Kayaking the entire river should be a protected opportunity for those that seek it, and the park should not prohibit such navigation

3. Recreational values of camping along the river (at an appropriate distance) should be protected. It concerns me that camping is prohibited in the Parker Pass Creek drainage, ostensibly for protecting water quality for the City of San Francisco (as my wilderness permit clearly stated this July). However, in the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center there is an interpretive panel on the wall that talks about how well the soil treats human waste when disposed of properly. These inconsistent messages should be reconciled, and camping should be allowed in the Parker Pass Creek drainage. San Francisco has already usurped enough of the park for the reservoir and shouldn't be allowed to control recreation upstream.

4. Recreational values of swimming in the river should be protected As with my concerns about the camping prohibition above, I am concerned that the City of San Francisco may further try to control recreation in the park and prohibit additional activities to protect the quality of its water supply. These types of prohibitions are completely unnecessary in a dispersed recreational setting such as Yosemite National Park. As an example, there is intense recreational (and urban) use in the Owens River watershed, yet the Owens River supplies the city of Los Angeles excellent-quality water. A study found on the Yosemite Association's Website supports this conclusion. The following table (from the study) shows that San Francisco water has four times the level of Giardia cysts as Los Angeles water, but is still 100 times below the level needed to contract the disease. Prohibitions should be based on scientific fact instead of propaganda and fear and politics.

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re some of the Giardia cyst concentrations discussed in various places
Units are cysts per liter.

Concentration	Comment
~1000	Typical swimming pool contamination
~100	Giardiasis is plausible [***]
~10	Minimum needed to contract giardiasis **
~1	Some wilderness water outside California
0.12	San Francisco water
0.108	Worst Sierra Nevada water
0.030	Los Angeles water
0.013	Mt. Whitney at Trail Camp
0.003	Mt. Whitney at Whitney Portal

5. The upgrade of the Tuolumne Meadows sewage treatment plant should be redesigned as a state-of-the-art demonstration project for using natural wetland systems to treat sewage in cold climates. Surrounding communities (such as Lee Vining, which currently has only primary treatment) could benefit from this example. The park should play a leadership role in pioneering the use of this technology. It would be an excellent interpretive opportunity as well and help fulfill the park's mission.

6. The effects of the operation of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir on the river in Poopenaut Valley should be thoroughly studied. Park resources in this area should have the highest level of protection and changes in reservoir operation should be made as necessary to protect these resources. The City of San Francisco should pay for the studies and scientists independent of the city should make recommendations based on the studies. These recommendations should be followed, even if they include changes in flow patterns, provisions for sediment bypass, provisions for water temperature control, or even complete removal of the dam and reservoir. As other studies have shown, funding is the only obstacle to removing the dam while providing the same amount of water and power to the city of San Francisco. If dam removal would benefit the resources in Sections 5 and 6 of the Wild and Scenic River, it should be made public so that an informed debate on the issue can take place.

7. The effects of air pollution, including greenhouse gases, on the river should be studied and disclosed. The sources of air pollution detrimental to the river should be cleaned up or shut down. Studies (by Roland Knapp) showing the negative impact of pesticide drift on Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs should be used to target upwind application areas and limit offsite effects.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Greg Reis

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Greg Reis
[REDACTED]
Lee Vining, CA 93541
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Dear NPS,

The following are comments for both the Tuolumne River Plan and Tuolumne Meadows Plan.

1. DO NOT expand the human imprint in the Tuolumne Meadows/River area of Yosemite NP. This includes roads, buildings, infrastructure, campgrounds, etc.
2. DO NOT erect any new buildings. Leave the tent cabins (employee) and tent store intact they work just fine as is.
3. DO NOT pave anything new. No new roads or parking lots. Do not pave the main road shoulders, leave them graveled or dirt.
4. Leave it alone. Don't do anything to the area you will just mess it up, as you have Yosemite Valley. If you need to do something for safety just slow traffic down and enforce the speed restrictions.

Sincerely,

David & Anne Cehrs

Sanger, CA 93657

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Ed Hibbs

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Superintendent,

Per your mailer, that arrived after the public site visit on August 29th, I am responding. Please send these invitations out sooner so that I may have ample opportunity to attend should I so desire.

My comments:

What do I love about the Tuolumne River and Tuolumne Meadows areas? I love camping in the campgrounds in my RV. I love the beauty and quiet (we are solar charged), and love hiking in the area. None of this would happen without the campgrounds you currently have available. PLEASE, DO NOT ELIMINATE ANY VEHICLE and RV CAMPGROUNDS/CAMP SITES (as you have done in Yosemite Valley).

What facilities and services are or are not appropriate? The drive-in campgrounds for RVs and other vehicles is definitely appropriate as they exist. This does not mean adding ones out in the meadows or (?) where it would be inappropriate. The current number of camp sites is definitely appropriate. A small store for groceries or necessities is appropriate. A gas station or vehicle repair facility is not appropriate. Fast food restaurant is not appropriate. A simple cafe/coffee place is appropriate if kept on a small scale. Additional lodging in the way of a motels, hotels, or the like is inappropriate.

What areas should be targeted for restoration? Random trails across meadow areas or other inappropriate trails. Do not target the campgrounds/camp sites if it involves eliminating any.

Thank you for reading my concerns and my answers to your questions.

Sincerely,  
Ed Hibbs  
Clovis, CA

p.s. Do not eliminate any camp sites involving vehicles and RVs. Thanks!

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"Waugh, Brenda"

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I would be interested in receiving info on the plan...it's hard to give input when you don't know what the plan is! I have been camping, climbing and hiking in Tuolumne every year for 25 years. It's is one of my favorite areas in the National Parks. I have lots of ideas about what we would like to see...bigger bear boxes, a wider road...since it is VERY unsafe to ride your bike there, longer hours for both the store and the shuttle. If you go hiking or climbing, it is hard to be back at the road in the summer by 6:00, so I NEVER get to use the shuttle! Many more people would use it, and reduce congestion, if it ran later I do not want to see any part of the campground closed...it is full everyday in the summer! Please keep me informed, via email or at home. Send info to:

Brenda Waugh

[REDACTED]

Valencia, CA  
91355

Thank you!  
brenda

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I have been visiting Tuolumne Meadows for the last 27 years (I am 29) on almost a yearly basis and I agree with the quote from John Muir that includes, "going to the mountains is going home." I consider Yosemite, Tuolumne Meadows especially, as home. There is a special and unique culture that is palpable in T.M. I believe it stems from the quiet glory of the landscape and the spiritual connection of her visitors I would hate to see this area become commercialized, like the valley. I feel that the "lack of conveniences" is what keeps TM natural. In my opinion, the naturalness helps remind people to be responsible and to take ownership in maintaining this magnificent place. Trash cans, picnic areas, and restrooms can sometimes lend the thought that someone else will clean up the mess, therefore, I would not like to see picnic areas along the river. I think the region of the river accessible from the Tioga Rd and the campground are sufficient for personal pleasure. Obviously the pools of the Grand Rapids are also enjoyable, but I do not feel these areas are at some much of a risk for overusage simply due to their location. Additionally, I do not want to see more parking lots I think perhaps there should be more encouragement for visitors to utilize the shuttle system I do agree that efforts need to be made to maintain the meadow and protect it from trampers. I love the campground. I think the layout is fantastic and I love the way it is very large yet you don't feel like you are shoulder to shoulder, or tent to tent, with your neighbor. I also like that it is 50% reservations, 50% first come first serve, this has made it possible for me to always get a campsite. I do not feel there is a need for another campground. More campgrounds equals more people, more people equals "valley like" conditions. I would be heartbroken if there was ever a "hotel" built in TM, that to me, would forever detrimentally change the culture of TM. Because this area is only open for part of the year, I feel the "policiticians" could afford to keep the hotels in the valley. I feel the "amenities" -store, grill, visitor center, etc. is the perfect balance. I like the way the store is made out of canvas, again, it contributes to the "roughin' it" personality of TM. I also like that the personnel live in TM because they don't seem to impose on the space and it creates a feeling of togetherness. It is hard to narrow down and to put into words what I love about TM when in fact there isn't anything that I don't love. I have been coming here my whole life and obviously I am VERY conservative when it comes to changing things. I know what a rare and unbelievably special place TM is and I am very concerned about its preservation. I saw the presentation at the Parsons Lodge and also wrote some things down there but if there is any way for me to become more involved in this project I would love to know how. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this message.

Jacqueline A. Pierce Cullen

San Diego, CA 92117

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Please keep the high Sierra camps open. Consider expanding High Sierra camps for future generations!

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Name: Maggi Georgi

Comment: Tuolumne River Plan

Date of  
September 5, 2006

Address:

Lincoln, CA 95648-8755

### Comments

The trail from Parsons Lodge heading toward the downhill part, then on to the level part (the most beautiful part) needs improvement - there are places where it is very difficult to cross the small stream flowing into the Tuolumne River. It is showing a lot of erosion, especially from humans, and there are places where the horses/mules must cross that also need to be repaired.

After visiting Hetch Hetchy Reservoir again, 2 months ago, I would like to see the Valley below the Dam included as Wild and Scenic in the Plan.

P.S. Please consider presenting your "PLANS" in a "lay" person's language and understanding - the general public does not have a College "Science degree"

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Name: Maggi Georgi

Comment: Tuolumne Meadows Plan

Date of  
September 5, 2006

Address: [REDACTED], Lincoln, CA 95648-8755

### Comments

Although I was unable to attend any of the meetings held for actual discussion, I would like to say- please DO NOT let the DNC Company close any of the High Sierra Camps. They have been a tradition in the Park since the 1930's and should remain available to the visiting public. Their infrastructure needs some updating, however. The YGS Company did upgrade Vogelsang and Sunrise Camps, however, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Complex did not show improvement, especially in the main shower/toilet facility, and it still in that condition since DNC took over the Concession management of the Park. This needs to be addressed. But, please NO camp like the one that was just built in the Sequoia National Park in August, 2006 at 8,500 ft. Tuolumne Meadows area seems to be in good shape, overall. A recent walk/hike down the Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River showed a fairly good condition. However, the trail up Rafferty Creek to Vogelsang is in need of some serious repair. The downhill/uphill part is very slippery. When Jim Snyder was trail boss, these trails were kept in good repair.

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Name: Judith Lucas

Date of 8/27/06

Comment: Tuolumne Planning

Address:

[REDACTED], Oceanside, CA 92056

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I would like to see limited use of the river: swimming, fishing, and observing - nothing motorized. It has great healing and restorative value. It soothes and calms the body and soul. Do not let it become overcrowded and polluted. The same goes for the meadows. They are an irreplaceable resource and we must protect them while providing limited public access. For many of us, Tuolumne is the SOUL of our country. Can campgrounds and support facilities be expanded without endangering the meadows and river? How much more can

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Can we employ without hurting these resources?  
I would like to see existing facilities improved — and expanded — keeping in mind that some users are handicapped, some don't mind crowding, and some come for a serene, peaceful (not uncrowded) relationship with nature. I am aware that there must be limitations to keep from destroying the value and recoverability of the meadows & river. No large hotels. Campgrounds supervised by park rangers. Campgrounds where your neighbor is not sleeping in your tent. High country & camps for backpackers. On going bear education for visitors — on going education about the environment, geology, history & culture. I would like the area to remain a wilderness — not multiple hotels, mini malls, and highly developed (or "civilized"). Even light pollution hurts the area. Education seems important to the maintenance of the area. Let people know why there are limited uses and facilities. You've been wonderful at doing this! Keep it up. Meanwhile please plan to restore & improve existing facilities and services. Protect the River from those of us who abuse it; provide an opportunity for those of us who cherish it to enjoy and reverse it! Thank you!

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Name: Dorothy Kelsey

Comment: Tuolumne Plan

Address:

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### Comments

I am 81 years old and have many precious memories of time spent in Yosemite. My grandchildren and great grandchildren camp in Yosemite. Tuolumne is building memories for them. My wish is that you preserve the rivers and meadows for their great grandchildren. Do not let people overrun and destroy these resources. Some people are selfish and self-centered. Tuolumne must be protected from the self-serving and greedy people. Our responsibility is to protect these resources while providing life changing experiences — absorbing the character and

gifts of Tuolumne. Future generations depend on you to make the best decisions.

Protect wildlife, meadow & river health, and the ecology. -

I would like to see the existing facilities and services restored. Expansion of these are acceptable in small amounts. Do not compromise or endanger the environment.

Provide more camping spaces. Do not pave campground roads. Enlarge the Tuolumne store and grill, but keep them in temporary buildings. Keep this a wilderness area.

People come for the experience of not being in a highly civilized and modernized area. Make the park safe for visitors, too.

Remove the asbestos from well traveled roads and areas. Hopefully you can enlarge parking areas or create new ones (or provide public transportation to the meadows) for day hiking. Safety is paramount for animals and visitors. Is it possible to increase Ranger presence to monitor, educate, and assist visitors?

I worry about greedy people trying to "develop" the meadows and profit from the rivers. Please keep in mind why people come to Tuolumne and don't commercialize the area. People can go elsewhere for that, but there is only one place in the world that is Tuolumne!

Thank you for considering my view points. I love Yosemite and wish to have Tuolumne protected for future generations.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Kelsey

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Elizabeth Schultz

August 24, 2006

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

[REDACTED], San Francisco, CA 94127

I have been visiting Tuolumne Meadows for over 40 years, part of that time as a volunteer with the Yosemite Association. It is a very important part of my life. I have visited most of the mountain ranges of the world and I believe that the Sierra Nevada, especially Tuolumne, is the most beautiful place of all. It is the essence of a mountain experience - the glorious peaks, the light, the sense of wilderness, and it is easily accessible.

I don't feel qualified to discuss the river, except I like it just as it is, and hope the non-planting of hatchery fish continues. I want to address the Tuolumne Meadows Plan.

I realize the campground is overcrowded and run down, but short of closing big parts of it to allow for recovery, there is little that can be done. Do not improve the road - it keeps the speed down. (As someone said, just fill in any pot holes greater than 6 inches deep.) One thing really needed, though, is showers. If you are hiking all day you have no opportunity to use the ones at the lodge. I suggest, to keep water use to a minimum, make them very expensive. \$5 gets you 5 minutes of push button shower. To keep people from slipping in one after the other and getting by with a \$2 shower, have the meter return to zero as soon as the door is opened.

The store and grill are very important. One of the questions I was asked most frequently when I was volunteering was - where can we get something to eat? They serve a need that is reasonable.

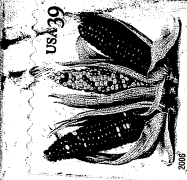
Remove the dump site and the gas station. These facilities have no place in a national park.

Keep the employee housing as it is. To move it out of the park is silly - would you have employees drive up an already congested road every day - spewing exhaust and contributing to the breakdown of the road? Ranger Camp is a wonderful place. If you are thinking of replacing the tents with permanent cabins I suggest you poll this years' staff to see whether they would prefer "nice new living quarters" to leaky, ancient tents. I'll bet they would unanimously opt for the tents.

As for the high sierra camps - as your literature states, they are unique in the national park system. The lodge attracts people from all over the world. Backpackers and people headed out on the loop enjoy a comfortable bed and a good meal. Should you decide to replace the lodge tents with permanent structures, for heaven's sakes make them rustic - no two-story motels like Yosemite Lodge. As to the other camps - requiring visitors to carry their own linens was a great idea. Still, it would be wonderful if there could be separate trails for people and livestock so that people didn't have to wade through the deep dust churned up by the feet of horses and mules.

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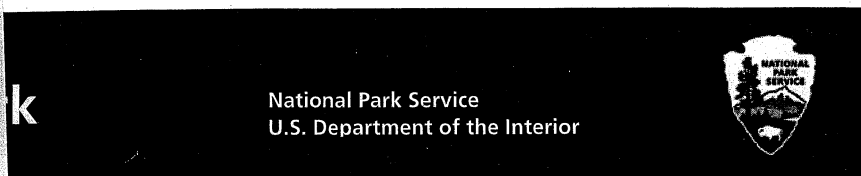
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To Whom IT MAY CONCERN:

We would like very much to be able to go to meetings in Yosemite but... We can't even get through busy signals to even talk to someone. It is very disturbing to think we can't go camping any longer to our favorite vacation place in the world and we have been around! The last 3 times I got

What areas should be targeted for restoration? What facilities and services are or are not appropriate? What would you like to see protected? These are just some of the questions to consider.



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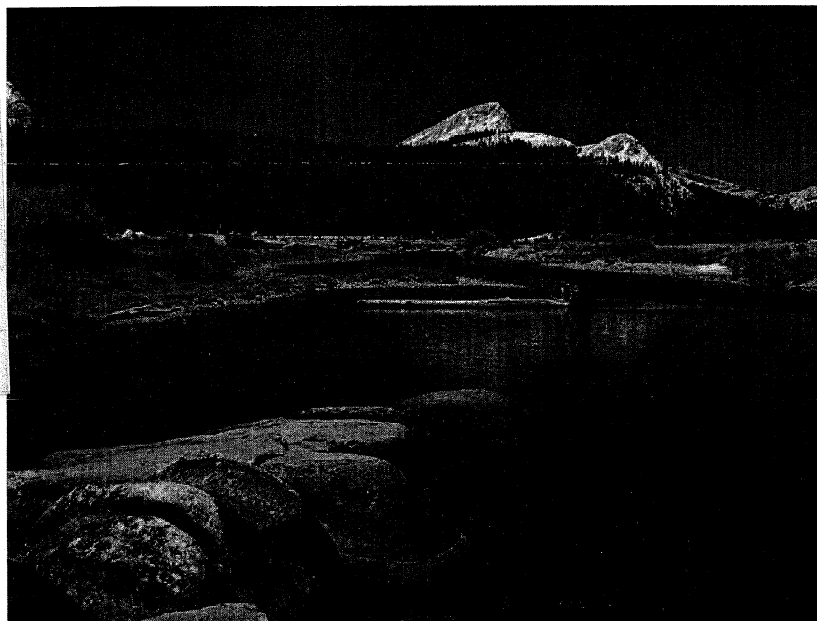
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## TUOLUMNE PUBLIC SITE VISIT

August 29, 2006, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

You are welcome to share your ideas at an on-site visit to Tuolumne Meadows. Meet with the planning team for a walk to the Tuolumne River to discuss the planning effort. The group will gather at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Be prepared for a walk of about 2 miles: bring water, raingear, sunscreen, insect repellent, and wear appropriate walking shoes or boots.

Written comments are due no later than September 7, 2006 and can be submitted in a number of ways:

Online: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose>

Email: [yose\\_planning@nps.gov](mailto:yose_planning@nps.gov)

Fax: 209/379-1294

Mail: Superintendent, ATTN: Tuolumne Planning, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389

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through 2; of them we  
had to move space twice  
and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we  
only could get 6 NIGHTS.

We are in the most  
southern area of California  
and the hassle/less than 7  
nights, is NOT worth it.

I have been coming, on & off,  
to Yosemite since 1940.

Is anything going on to  
take care of this mess?

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What is most disturbing is  
the limited spaces for RV's and  
then they are issued out to:  
Put tents, tents in general and  
tent trailers. WHY?

We had to move everytime for  
one of the above. It makes no  
sense that the reservationists  
would issue a 37' space  
to a car (tent would be in the  
dirt). It is imbecilic!!

We are sorry to miss

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the meetings. They are always interesting and informative but... it is up to the telephone service to be attendant to for the public.

We are NOT the only ones complaining about this bad situation.

It's about time that Tuckumme Meadows was being updated. The

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facilities are a mess  
and the <sup>ground is</sup> horrible when it  
rains and thawing of the  
snow. Stuck in the mud!

This area is really  
outdoors and refreshing.  
Where are the people staying?

It would be nice if the gate  
weren't closed so fast on one  
flake of snow.

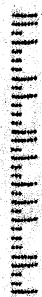
Sincerely,  
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All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide written ideas, concerns, or suggestions during the public scoping period, which closes September 7, 2006. Written comments may be mailed to: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389 (Attn: Tuolumne Planning). Written comments may also be faxed to: 209/379-1294. Electronic comments may be emailed to: [Yose\\_Planning@nps.gov](mailto:Yose_Planning@nps.gov) (in the subject line type: Tuolumne Planning). Comments can also be submitted online by going to [parkplanning.nps.gov/yose](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yose). Keep track of project status by regularly visiting the park's web site at [www.nps.gov/yose/planning/trp](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning/trp).

Note: Anonymous comments will not be considered. Generally, The National Park Service will make available to the public for inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses. Individuals' addresses will be withheld from publication of comments, however names may be made available.

Name: Leslie Chiles

Date of Comment: 8-15-06

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I have spent 50 years camping, backpacking, and hiking in Tuolumne Meadows. The Tuol. River drainage includes high peaks, granite domes and slabs, meadows + wildflowers galore. It is ever-constant, yet ever-changing, bringing exhilaration and tranquility both to me. Without the free flowing river, we would not have the plant or wildlife; all are integral to the ecosystem.

My views on preservation:

1) More interpretive and back country rangers to educate the public on proper care of this irreplaceable resource. I have seen hairwashing in the river, night spearfishing along its banks by young men. The bear policy with its "ever tougher" enforcement worked very well this year — I didn't hear any campers yelling + screaming during my visit — a first during all my years of visits.

(continue comments on back of page)

As many visitors don't appear to read the outstanding "Yosemite Today," perhaps a yellow sheet could be handed out at the entrance stations, with the "leave no trace" points — i.e. no picking flowers, leaving paper waste, etc.

Rangers used to patrol campgrounds nightly — on foot or horse — educating visitors, as well as enforcing rules and giving the park's campers easy access to knowledgeable staff. The campground hosts may be nice people, but in my experience they are not equipped to handle campground problems nor to answer questions about hiking trails, backcountry, ecology — as the rangers can.

Also, more rangers encourage backcountry compliance by the very fact that they are known to patrol.

For the first time, this year I did not have a hiking partner, so the ranger-led walks and hikes were integral to my experience. Tim Hecox was an excellent guide to Parker/Mono Pass, but I truly missed having more long hikes during the week. One was not enough. I went on shorter hikes myself, but would encourage 3-4 hikes/week. Years ago, there were 3-4/day!

2) No planes overhead. The noise + vapor trails are distracting.

3) No new facilities or buildings

4) Drain Hetch Hetchy — its presence in the park is a travesty.

5) No more outsourcing of staff. NPS trained rangers and naturalists are important. Tim Hecox courteously, yet firmly, approached hikers and campers on our hike to ensure compliance w/ camp policy.

6) While hiking is my first Yosemite priority, I also enjoyed the Poetry Festival open mic, the wildflower, bird (Mickey Shortt), Tuolumne watershed walks.

7) Limit horses to specific areas. Horse manure + hoof prints circled Elizabeth Lake, all around the perimeter — 1-2' from shoreline in some places. Horses enroute to Glen Aulin one morning were walking off trail — 10 feet wide path! Horse manure was all over the meadow at the end of King Canyon. "Horse manure was all over the meadow at the end of King Canyon."



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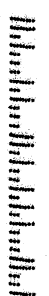


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- \* What do I love about the Tuolumne River? -- Its wild and unfettered nature (except for Hetch Hetchy, of course. I support removal of the dam and recovery of the Valley.), its clarity, its vigorous cataracts, **playful** cascades and quiet meadow meanders, its matchless scenic context.
  - \* What do I love about Tuolumne Meadows? -- Its openness and accessibility, its flowers, wildlife and water. I love my sense of being at the center of the universe, free to walk in the meadows and surrounding forests and visit the river's banks at any time. I value the low-tech quiet and semblance of solitude. The Light, the peaks and domes.
  - \* What do I do while in Tuolumne? -- I camp, sleep on the ground, enjoy a kind of self-reliant simplicity. I volunteer for an extended period (Yosemite Association), spend time with friends, attend Parsons Lodge Summer Series and Poetry Festival, walk, hike, rest, listen, reflect, restore my soul.
  - \* What would I like to see protected? -- The sense of Tuolumne Meadows as "rustic outpost" and jumping-off place to the interior wild lands. Preserve habitats of native plants & animals. Maintain existing simple facilities pretty much as they are: tent cabins, tented lodge and grocery, rustic Visitor Center and employees housing. Protect flora, fauna and landscape from abuse through education & monitoring. This year I saw dogs running loose and in the creeks, children cutting down living saplings in the campground, people camping on the river bank a mile or so up Lyell Canyon, just below Pothole Dome and near the bridge beside the campground. I met dogs in the meadow, on Mono Pass trail & Lyell Canyon trail.
  - \* What kind of services or facilities would I like to see offered, improved or removed? -- Tuolumne Meadows Interpretive services are superior: campfire talks, ranger walks, Visitor Center Museum, etc. Enough restrooms and picnic tables are in place in the parking lot at the grocery/grill, Lambert parking, Tenaya Lake, Yosemite Creek. I would like to see all or part of A loop in the campground removed and restored to river bank. I would like to see RV's and campers limited to say, 10 to 15 feet in length . . . and no generators. I would enjoy the total absense of dogs in Tuolumne Meadows. Please no electric lights in the restrooms. Night-time darkness enhances the "rustic outpost" experience as do the simple visitor facilities presently available in Tuolumne Meadows. I would like to see more solar energy used for power generation, toilet composting?, hot water heating (lodge, store), communication (radios?). I suspect that 21st century technology exists to update the aging sewer system while making less of an impact on the environment. I am of two minds regarding High Camps in Tuolumne and in Yosemite. <sup>Consequent</sup> heavy foot and stock traffic greatly de-grade the trails making them rough, dusty, crowded and unpleasant. Yet the camps provide a civilized alternative for young and old, for those unwilling or unable to "rough it," . . . to experience a bit of the high country wildness. Which is a good thing. Could there be less impact? Llamas instead of mules & horses? Fewer visitors?
- I would like to see heavily used parts of the meadow restored - i.e. across from the store. Could showers at the Tuolumne Lodge be coin operated . . . 50¢ for 5 minutes perhaps?
- Basically, I would like Tuolumne Meadows to stay the same and for the Tuolumne River to be free flowing throughout its drainage.

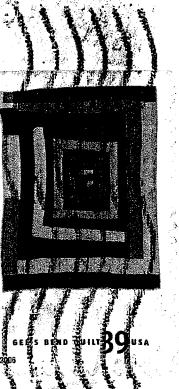
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